

Amendments to the Specification:

At page 4, line 13, please insert the following replacement paragraph:

Agents which specifically bind kuz include metalloprotease inhibitors, such as hydroxamate metalloprotease inhibitors and TACE (TNF-alpha converting enzyme) inhibitors (for review, see Armour A, et al. Ann N Y Acad Sci 1999 Jun 30;878:728-31). Exemplary inhibitors include IC-3 (N-{D,L-[2-(hydroxyaminocarbonyl)methyl]-4-methyl-pentanoyl}-L-alanine, 2-aminoethyl amide (N-{D,L-[2-(hydroxyaminocarbonyl)methyl]-4-methyl-pentanoyl}-L-alanine, 2-aminoethyl amide), Black et al., Nature, 1997, Vol 385, 729-73; Galko and Tessier-Lavigne, Science, 2000, Vol 289, 1365-1367), GM6001 (NHOHCOCH₂CH(I-Bu)CO-Trp-NHMe); GW9471 (see structure of GW9277, a biotinylated derivative of GW9471 used during the purification of TACE as shown in Moss et al, Nature, 1997, Vol 385, 733-736); and BB-94 (batimastat), a synthetic hydroxamate peptidomimetic matrix metalloproteinase inhibitor, see Hernandez-Pando R, et al. Int J Exp Pathol 2000 Jun;81(3):199-209. Useful natural MMP inhibitors include the tissue inhibitors of MMPs (TIMPs), such as TIMP-1 and TIMP-3 (see, e.g. Armour et al., FEBS Lett. 2000 May 19;473(3):275-9).